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This collection presents a sampling of opinions of both proponents and opponents in the school choice debate from a variety of professional perspectives, including academics, bureaucrats, politicians, union leaders, economists, lawyers, parents, and activists. The following essays are included: (1) "School Choice Promotes Educational Excellence in the African American Community" (Polly Williams); (2) "Choice Will Devastate Urban Schools" (Maxine Waters); (3) "A Native American Perspective on Choice" (Ben Chavis); (4) "A Battle for the Soul of Public Education" (Warren Furutani); (5) The British Battle for Choice" (Terry Moe); (6) "A Worm in the Apple: How Vouchers Would Undermine Learning" (Delaine Eastin); (7) "The Wisconsin Choice Plan" (Clint Bolick); (8) "Proposition 174 Is Bad News for Children and Taxpayers" (California Teachers' Association); (9) "Education Reform through Choice" (William Bennett); (10) "Myths, Markets, and Schools" (John Mockler); (11) "The Real Issue" (Joseph P. Alibrandi); (12) "Vouchers: Not in the Public Interest" (Ralph Flynn); (13) "A Plan for Choice within Public Schools" (National Education Association); (14) "Can Education Reform Education?" (Wilbert Smith); and (15) "The Case for Choice" (Milton Friedman). (SLD)

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